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## STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

### MEETING NOTICE

**THURSDAY – JANUARY 18, 2007 - 1:30 PM**  
**611 W. OTTAWA STREET (OTTAWA BUILDING) - LANSING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 2 – UPPER LEVEL**  
*( map attached)*

### A G E N D A

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DOCKET</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
OAKLAND	06-I-3	Legal sufficiency on the incorporation of the Village of Oxford as a Home Rule City.
NEWAYGO	06-AR-1 06-AR-2	Legal sufficiency on the annexation of territories in Garfield Township to the City of Newaygo.

TO CONFIRM WHETHER A DOCKET ITEM HAS BEEN POSTPONED, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MEETING, PLEASE CALL (517) 335-3439 BEFORE 11:00 AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

THE COMMISSION MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, REVISE THIS AGENDA OR TAKE UP OTHER ISSUES AS NEED AND TIME ALLOW.

The meeting site is accessible and includes handicapped parking. Persons with disabilities who require additional accommodation in order to participate should contact the Boundary Commission Office by telephone (517-335-3439) or email (caholme@michigan.gov) at least ten business days in advance. In order to enhance accessibility for everyone, individuals attending the meeting are encouraged to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products.



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To: State and Oakland County Boundary Commissioners

From: Christine Holmes, Manager  
State Boundary Commission

Date: January 11, 2007

Subject: **Docket # 06-I-3**  
**Legal Sufficiency Review**  
**Petition to Incorporate the Village of Oxford as a Home Rule City**

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1. This petition to request the incorporation of the Home Rule Village of Oxford as a home rule city was filed with the Boundary Commission on October 2, 2006. The petitioner is identified as Steven John Allen. The petition proposes the existing village boundary for incorporation. The Village of Oxford is located in the Charter Township of Oxford, Oakland County.

2. The village population is approximately 3,540 (based on 2000 census figures). The land area of the village is approximately 1 square mile, which equates to a population density of approximately 3,540 inhabitants per square mile. The population and density criteria to incorporate as a home rule city is met as prescribed in the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.7).

3. The statutory number of valid petition signatures required for this petition is 177. The petition contained 346 signatures. Approximately 40 signatures are determined as invalid by either the village clerk or commission staff. The valid signature requirement, however, is met and exceeded. The Boundary Commission Act requires that a petition "proposing the incorporation of a city shall be signed by a number of persons who are qualified electors and freeholders residing within the affected territory equal to at least 5% of the population of the territory affected by the proposed new incorporation, or 100, whichever number is greater." (MCL 123.1007)

A letter from the Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, which describes their review of the map and legal description, is provided. Mr. Keith Lambert is available to provide further comment for the Commission.



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January 5, 2007

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OFFICE OF POLICY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

RE: **Docket 2006-I-03 Proposed City of Oxford Incorporation**

Dear Christine:

We have reviewed the PART I map and the PART III legal description in **2006-I-03** and have the following comments for your consideration.

The PART I map does not label the boundary of the territory proposed to be incorporated into the City of Oxford, Michigan. The PART I map identifies Erin Lake; however, the PART III legal description references Mud Lake. Additionally the PART I map identifies the centerline of Lakeville Road and the east line of Section 26 intersecting at the northeast corner of Section 26; however, the PART III legal description describes this centerline being located north of the northeast corner of Section 26.

We interpret the land bounded by the heavy black line on the PART I map to be the boundary of the territory proposed for incorporation into the City of Oxford.

The PART III legal description contained two property descriptions. The second property description does not specify a town or range, necessary elements in all legal descriptions.

The PART III legal description references the south quarter corner of Section 23; however, the GLO surveyor stated that this corner position fell in a lake and was not set. The PART III legal description does not identify lots or blocks from the plats of record that are located within the area proposed for incorporation, as required by MCL 560.255.

The territory proposed for incorporation in the PART III legal description is consistent with the **Village of Oxford** limits, based on the documentation provided by the Secretary of State as of October 5, 2006.

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The line which goes along the naturally occurring lake in section 26 extends into Erin/Mud Lake for consistency with Michigan riparian division of bottomlands. Our maps indicate that Ploss Lake in its natural state is smaller than depicted on the PART I map. We cannot determine if currently any water exists in Erin/Mud Lake.

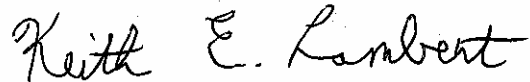
Sincerely,



Maynard R. Dyer, P.S., Director  
Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation

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Sincerely,



Keith E. Lambert, P.S., Plat Examiner  
Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation

